s17 Geometric Series Exam (EXAM v311)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a=848, common ratio $r=\left(\frac{18}{53}\right)^{1/10}$, and n=10 terms.

$$S = 848 + 761.19 + 683.27 + 613.33 + 550.55 + 494.19 + 443.6 + 398.19 + 357.43 + 320.84$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 761.19 + 683.27 + 613.33 + 550.55 + 494.19 + 443.6 + 398.19 + 357.43 + 320.84 + 288$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 4 + 4(2) + 4(2)^{2} + 4(2)^{3} + \cdots + 4(2)^{76} + 4(2)^{77} + 4(2)^{78} + 4(2)^{79}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.